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SUBJECT: EXCELLENCE IN REPORTING: LAUGERUD'S FIRST 6 MOS.

REFERENCE: GUATEMALA 0019

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATED BROAD SWEEP AND THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS IN REFTEL. EMBASSY IS TO BE CONGRATULATED.

2. WE WERE STRUCK AND CONCERNED BY YOUR ASSESSMENT, AND BY PRESS REACTION WHICH APPARENTLY ARRIVED AT SIMILAR CONCLUSION, THAT LAUGERUD INTENDS TO BE AS VIGOROUS AND HARSH AS ARANA IN SUPPRESSING TERRORIST ACTIVITY. HERETOFORE IT HAD BEEN OUR IMPRESSION THAT LAUGERUD, UNLIKE ARANA, HAD BEEN HIGHLY CIRCUMSPECT AND SELECTIVE IN CONTROLLING SECURITY FORCES. FACT THAT GUATEMALANS NOW EDITORIALIZING THAT RECENT EVENTS LIKELY TO UNDO PAST FEW MONTHS TRANQUILITY INDICATES TO US EITHER THAT NUMBERS INVOLVED ARE GREATER THAN BELIEVED OR THAT GUATEMALAN

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FORCES. FURTHER REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED REPORTING ON GOG EFFORTS TO COME TO GRIPS WITH ITS FISCAL PROBLEMS. THIS HAS BEEN PERENNIAL USG INTEREST AND CASP ISSUE. ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR QUICK CAPITULATION TO MONIED CLASSES DOES LITTLE TO DISTINGUISH LAUGERUD FROM PREDECESSORS. WOULD WELCOME YOUR ASSESSMENT OF IMPLICATIONS FOR US POLICY. INGERSOLL

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